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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

WILLIAM T. WILKINSON :
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SERIAL NO.: 10/781,406 : Art Unit 3765
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FILING DATE: February 18, 2004 :
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FOR: GARMENT FOR SUPPORTING AND :
SHAPING THE MID-SECTION OF A WEARER:

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (original) A garment for supporting and shaping the mid section of the wearer, said garment comprising a torso section, said torso section having a wide waistband with an upper edge and a lower edge, said waistband adapted to be located with said upper edge below the wearer's rib cage and with said lower edge generally near the wearer's belly button, said waistband including an abdominal section, a tensioning system for adjusting the tensioning of said abdominal section, said